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RTWQMS for Ganga River Cleaning
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to install Real Time Water Quality Monitoring Stations (RTWQMS) on Ganga river to monitor level of its pollution and if so, the details and the features thereof;

(b) whether it is proposed to install such stations on other major rivers of the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the ever increasing pollution in the said rivers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Government has proposed for installation of 113 Real Time Water Quality Monitoring Stations (RTWQMS) along the main stem of river Ganga and its major tributaries (Yamuna, Ramganga, Kali River). At present, 36 such RTWQMS stations has been installed along the stretch of river Ganga in the first phase. In addition, a network of 8 RTWQMS constructed under Hydrology Project-II (HP-II) already exists.

(c) Conservation & cleaning of river Ganga is a continuous & collective effort of Central Government, State Governments, Local bodies and general public.

Under Namami Gange Programme a holistic approach has been adopted to clean the river Ganga. The various types of pollution abatement schemes taken up to clean Ganga may be categorized into core and non-core schemes. Core schemes include Interception and Diversion (I&D) of sewage discharging into the Ganga and creating treatment infrastructure to treat the intercepted sewage as well as industrial effluent. Non-Core schemes include providing Low Cost Sanitation (LCS) at community and individual levels at identified locations, installation of Crematoria (electric as well as wood based improved crematoria), River Front Development (RFD) including bathing ghats, river surface cleaning, afforestation, protecting biodiversity and creating public awareness and participation.

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